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DIRECTORATE ACTIVITIES

IMO RESOLUTIONS A.705 AND A.706

<i>Executive Summary:</i>	this document discusses two IMO resolutions relating to the promulgation of maritime safety information
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	to note the Director's intention to co-sponsor the submission by IHO of revised texts of Resolutions A.705 and A.706 to IMO for approval and adoption.
<i>Related documents:</i>	Annexes 1 and 2

1 BACKGROUND

1.1 The International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) has been co-ordinating the revision of two key IMO Resolutions concerning the promulgation of maritime safety information:

- Res. A705 Promulgation of Maritime Safety Information; and
- Res. A.706 World Wide Navigational Warning Service.

1.2 This work has been going on for more than two years and IMSO has been closely involved with the revision of both of these documents, which together provide the basis for organising and controlling the promulgation of maritime safety information (MSI) world-wide.

1.3 IMSO has been closely involved in the revision of these two important IMO resolutions, and has a continuing interest in the efficient and effective operation of the satellite-based MSI broadcast services in general and the International SafetyNET Service in particular. The International SafetyNET Service is a core element of the GMDSS broadcast via Inmarsat C. The work was carried out in parallel with the revision of IMO Resolution A.888(21) – an initiative that was co-ordinated by IMSO.

2 SUBMISSION TO IMO

2.1 IHO has now completed the final editing of the revised documents and is ready to submit them to IMO for approval and adoption. In view of the importance of these two revised resolutions, and in recognition of the significant contribution made by those organizations which assisted IHO in their revision, IHO has invited WMO and IMSO to co-sponsor the submissions to IMO.

2.2 The Director intends to accept this invitation. For convenience, the texts of the resolutions are attached.

3 ACTION BY THE COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee is invited to note the Director's intention to co-sponsor the submission by IHO of revised texts of Resolutions A.705 and A.706 to IMO for approval and adoption.
